

VARIABLE	DESCRIPTION
Personal Bio	
icpsrno	Unique ID number assigned by ICPSR for members of the U.S. House, Senate
congress	Congress of record
icpsr_cong	(icpsrno * 1000) + congress
state	State represented
	1 Connecticut
	2 Maine
	3 Massachusetts
	4 New Hampshire
	5 Rhode Island
	6 Vermont
	11 Delaware
	12 New Jersey
	13 New York
	14 Pennsylvania
	21 Illinois
	22 Indiana
	23 Michigan
	24 Ohio
	25 Wisconsin
	31 Iowa
	32 Kansas
	33 Minnesota
	34 Missouri
	35 Nebraska
	36 North Dakota
	37 South Dakota
	40 Virginia
	41 Alabama
	42 Arkansas
	43 Florida
	44 Georgia
	45 Louisiana
	46 Mississippi
	47 North Carolina
	48 South Carolina
	49 Texas
	51 Kentucky

52 Maryland
 53 Oklahoma
 54 Tennessee
 56 West Virginia
 61 Arizona
 62 Colorado
 63 Idaho
 64 Montana
 65 Nevada
 66 New Mexico
 67 Utah
 68 Wyoming
 71 California
 72 Oregon
 73 Washington

district District represented

1-49 Single member districts
 88-99 At large districts

yearofelect $(1786 + (2 * congress)) - 1000$

stateyear $(state * 10000) + (yearofelect + 1000)$

V43 0 if only occupant of seat, 1-29 otherwise (used to identify members who were not the only occupant of seat in congress of record)

margin Margin of victory in previous election

gdem_p_12_ave Democratic share of the two-party vote for governor (12-year moving average) in state represented

b_pop_top 1 if district ranks in the upper quartile of district population in the congress of record, 0 otherwise

ballot 1 if member serving after state represented adopted statewide Australian ballot law, 0 if member serving before state adopted statewide Australian ballot law

hsemaj_r 1 if majority party member, 0 otherwise

hse_terms Seniority, number of term served by member in congress of record

age Age at beginning of congress of record

democrat	1 if Democrat, 0 otherwise
south	1 if state represented is Virginia, Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, or Tennessee, 0 otherwise
dwnom1	1st dimension DW-NOMINATE score in congress of record
dwnom1_med	Median 1st dimension DW-NOMINATE score in congress of record
dwnom1_dist	Absolute distance between 1st dimension DW-NOMINATE score and median DW-NOMINATE score in congress of record
dwnom1_dist_up	1 if distance ranks in the upper quartile of absolute distance between 1st dimension DW-NOMINATE score and median DW-NOMINATE score in the congress of record, 0 otherwise
yr_hse	Number of years spent in public offices before entering Congress
yr_hse_hi	1 if member spent five or more years in public offices before entering Congress
l_fun	1 if member held previous legislative office (e.g., state legislator), 0 otherwise
com_pens	1 if assigned to Pensions committee, 0 otherwise
com_pinv	1 if assigned to Invalid Pensions committee, 0 otherwise
com_pcom	1 if assigned to Pensions or Invalid Pension committees, 0 otherwise
com_clms	1 if assigned to War Claims committee, 0 otherwise
com_maff	1 if assigned to Military Affairs committee, 0 otherwise
com_naff	1 if assigned to Naval Affairs committee, 0 otherwise
com_baff	1 if assigned to Military Affairs or Naval Affairs committees, 0 otherwise
com_cmrc	1 if assigned to Commerce / Interstate Commerce committee, 0 otherwise

com_iaff	1 if assigned to Indian Affairs committee, 0 otherwise
com_land	1 if assigned to Public Lands committee, 0 otherwise
com_fish	1 if assigned to Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee, 0 otherwise
com_rhar	1 if assigned to River and Harbors committee, 0 otherwise
com_iimp	1 if assigned to Commerce / Interstate Commerce or River and Harbors committees, 0 otherwise
com_post	1 if assigned to Post Office / Post Office and Roads committee, 0 otherwise
com_post2	1 if assigned to Post Office / Post Office and Roads or Roads committees, 0 otherwise
com_bild	1 if assigned to Public Buildings committee, 0 otherwise
com_judi	1 if assigned to Judiciary committee, 0 otherwise
com_agri	1 if assigned to Agriculture committee, 0 otherwise
com_bank	1 if assigned to Banking committee, 0 otherwise
com_educ	1 if assigned to Education committee, 0 otherwise
com_faff	1 if assigned to Foreign Affairs committee, 0 otherwise
com_imig	1 if assigned to Immigration committee, 0 otherwise
com_labr	1 if assigned to Labor committee, 0 otherwise
com_ways	1 if assigned to Ways and Means committee, 0 otherwise
com_edla	1 if assigned to Education, Labor or Education and Labor committees, 0 otherwise
total	Number of bills introduced in congress of record
pensions	Number of bills referred to Pensions or Invalid Pensions committees introduced in congress of record
claims	Number of bills referred to War Claims committee introduced in congress of record

military	Number of bills referred to Military Affairs or Naval Affairs committees introduced in congress of record
internal	Number of bills referred to Commerce / Interstate Commerce or River and Harbors committees introduced in congress of record
indian	Number of bills referred to Indian Affairs committee introduced in congress of record
interior	Number of bills referred to Public Lands committee introduced in congress of record
maritime	Number of bills referred to Merchant Marine and Fisheries committee introduced in congress of record
postoffrds	Number of bills referred to Post Office and Roads committee introduced in congress of record
publdgs	Number of bills referred to Public Buildings and Grounds committee introduced in congress of record
agriculture	Number of bills referred to Agriculture committee introduced in congress of record
banking	Number of bills referred to Banking committee introduced in congress of record
foreign	Number of bills referred to Foreign Affairs committee introduced in congress of record
immigration	Number of bills referred to Immigration committee introduced in congress of record
labor	Number of bills referred to Labor / Education and Labor committee introduced in congress of record
taxes	Number of bills referred to Ways and Means committee introduced in congress of record
judiciary	Number of bills referred to Judiciary committee introduced in congress of record
otherclaims	Number of bills referred to Claims committee introduced in congress of record

i_vets_dist	Estimated number of veterans per district (interpolated)
i_vets_rank2	Ranking of district veteran population (1 for state with the least, 48 for state with the most veterans per district)
battle_state	1 if state represented was a site of a Civil War battle, 0 otherwise
acre_study	Number of acres affected by Civil War battles in state represented
acre_study_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of number of acres affected by Civil War battles, 0 otherwise
nav_length	Miles of navigable rivers in state represented
nav_length_tho	$(nav_length) / 1000$
ind_state	1 if state represented has land under the jurisdiction of the Indian Affairs Office, 0 otherwise
i_pop_ind	Native American population in state represented (interpolated)
i_pop_ind_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of Native American population, 0 otherwise
i_ind_acres	Number of acres of land under the jurisdiction of the Indian Affairs Office (interpolated)
i_ind_acres_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of number of acres of land under the jurisdiction of the Indian Affairs Office, 0 otherwise
land_state	1 if state represented was created out of the public domain, 0 otherwise
i_pub_acres	Number of acres of unused and unappropriated public lands in state represented (interpolated)
i_pub_acres_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of number of acres of unused and unappropriated public lands, 0 otherwise
coastal	1 if state represented is Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Virginia, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, California, Oregon, or Washington, 0 otherwise

ships	Number of ships ordered by the U.S. Shipping Board and completed by shipyards during World War I in state represented
i_Class4	Number of Fourth Class Postmasters in state represented (interpolated)
log_i_Class4_pc	Log transformation of estimated number of Fourth Class Postmasters per district
i_PostRevenue	Post Office revenues in state represented (interpolated)
log_i_PostRevenue	Log transformation of Post Office revenues
area	Area in square miles of state represented (interpolated)
log_area	Log transformation of area in square miles
i_places	Number of urban places (incorporated with 2,500 residents or more) in state represented (interpolated)
i_places_pc	Estimated number of urban places per district
i_farms	Number of farms in state represented (interpolated)
i_farms_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median in the number of farms, 0 otherwise
i_pc_farm_val	Value of farmland and buildings per capita in state represented
i_pc_farm_val_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median of value of farm land and buildings per capita, 0 otherwise
i_banks	Number of banks in state represented (interpolated)
i_banks_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median in the number of banks, 0 otherwise
i_banks_hi2	1 if state represented ranks above the median in the number of banks (imputing missing values before 1896), 0 otherwise
i_pc_assets	Value of assets held by banking institutions per capita in state represented (interpolated)
i_pc_assets_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median of value of assets held by banking institutions per capita, 0 otherwise

i_pc_assets_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of value of assets held by banking institutions per capita, 0 otherwise
i_pc_assets_up2	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of value of assets held by banking institutions per capita (imputing missing values before 1896), 0 otherwise
i_pop_tot	Population of state represented
log_i_pop_tot	Log transformation of population of state
i_pop_urban	Urban population of state represented
log_i_pop_urban	Log transformation of urban population of state
i_pop_urban_p	Urban share of population of state represented
i_pop_forborn	Foreign born population of state represented
log_i_pop_forborn	Log transformation of foreign born population of state
i_pop_forborn_p	Foreign born share of population of state represented
i_pop_forborn_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median of foreign born population, 0 otherwise
pages_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median of number of pages contained in state labor legislation, 0 otherwise
labor1_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of first dimension labor law portfolio score, 0 otherwise
labor2_up	1 if state represented ranks in the upper quartile of second dimension labor law portfolio score, 0 otherwise
rev_hi	1 if state represented ranks above the median of state and local government revenues, 0 otherwise
hsize	Size of congressional delegation in state represented
dist_share	Estimated share of state population per district